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This e-mail is to confirm my support and signature on a letter written by Mr. Kegel, concerning the proposed settlement with Microsoft in the anti-trust litigation.

I would especially like to voice my concern regarding the publication and release of Windows API information. The proposed settlement makes no attempt to provide this information to the general public. This contradicts Microsoft's stand that Windows is a de-facto standard in Information Technology, as it does not allow all who wish to develop programs for Windows to do so at their discretion.

In addition, such hiding prevents others from developing competing alternatives to Windows that would run applications designed for Windows.

Thanks, Alon Harpaz
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